



5-Minute TOPs Training with Oral Practice

TOP 23 - “Get Lucky” (with music)

Hi! I’m Marianne, and I’m going to help you to improve your listening and speaking skills with oral exercises based on song lyrics. On our website www.QualityTime-ESL.com you will find links to videos on *YouTube* with the lyrics we practice in our different episodes. And at our store you will find the transcripts of our podcasts. Let’s get started. First just listen to an international hit by a well-known French rock band that won six of the 2014 Grammy awards.

I’m sure you recognized “Get Lucky” by Daft Punk. Let’s take a look at some explanations.

- to get = (here) to become
- lucky = when everything goes well
- daft = *mad, crazy, foolish, stupid*
- punk = *a youth movement of the late 1970s, characterized by anti-Establishment slogans and outrageous clothes and hairstyles*
(definition by “The Free Dictionary”)
- phoenix = *a legendary bird, thought to live 500 years and to be reborn from its ashes*
- to spin = *to turn around itself*
- to give up = *to abandon or stop trying*
- to raise the bar = *to make our expectations higher*
- wanna = *to want to (informal spoken language)*

So now listen and repeat the first verse.

“Get Lucky” Daft Punk

Like the legend of the phoenix
All ends with beginnings
What keeps the planet spinning
The force from the beginning

(Prechorus)
We've come too far to give up who we are
So let's raise the bar and our cups to the stars

Now listen to Daft Punk with Pharrell Williams singing. He wrote the lyrics and has explained that in this song “to get lucky” means to meet the right person with whom you can have a real connection.

Now listen and repeat the first part of the chorus.

She's up all night 'til the sun
I'm up all night to get some

She's up all night for good fun
I'm up all night to get lucky

Let’s make this into an exercise where you will change the first word. Listen to the examples.

*I say: She's up all night 'til the sun
You say: We're up all night 'til the sun*

*I say: She's up all night for good fun
You say: We're up all night for good fun*

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Now you do the same changing each of my lines and starting with “we’re”.

She's up all night 'til the sun
We're up all night 'til the sun
She's up all night to get some
We're up all night to get some

She's up all night for good fun
We're up all night for good fun
I'm up all night to get lucky
We're up all night to get lucky

After that it is time to listen to the chorus. I think it'll make us want to dance.

To finish just listen and repeat the last verse.

The present has no living
Your gift keeps on giving

What is this I'm feeling?
If you wanna leave, I'm ready

Here comes the chorus again. So sing along.

I strongly recommend you get the album “Random Access Memories” by Daft Punk. To find different interpretations of this song, type the title followed by the word “meaning” into your browser.

That’s the end of this episode. For more practice with oral English go to “QualityTime-ESL” for grammar exercises and “Your English” for a variety of different activities. And visit our website if your interested in free samples from our book “QualityTime-ESL: The Digital Resource Book”, which will help teachers become more effective in their teaching and learners more proficient in their English skills. Bye for now, take care and keep singing.